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HONOLULU, HAWAII TERRITORY, FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 1904.

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## A SHANGHAI RUMOR THAT RUSSIANS HAVE BEEN DISASTROUSLY BEATEN

Said to Have Been a Two Days' Fight on the Yalu---Russians Claim Japanese Have Not Advanced---Vladivostok Ships Get Away in the Fog---Sickness in Japanese Army.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS CASLEGRAMS.)

SHANGHAI, April 29.—It is reported that the Russians have been disastrously repulsed in a two days' fight on the Yalu.

VLADIVOSTOK SQUADRON ESCAPES.

TOKIO, April 29.-It is reported that the Vladivostok ships lodged the Japanese squadron in the fog and regained their home

BAD WEATHER ON YALU.

LIAOYANG, April 29.—The Japanese non-advance is attributed to the severity of the weather. There is much sickness in the papanese army.

#### AFTERNOON REPORT.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 28 .- Russian torpedo boats of the Madivostok squadron sunk the Japanese transport Kinshuima Maru en April 26. Seventeen officers and 170 men were saved. Two hundred of those on board refused to surrender and were sent to the bottom. The transport Makamura was also sunk. Her crew were saved.

PORT ARTHUR, April 28.—A number of Japanese torpedo boats, supported by a squadron of war vessels, have appeared here again. They exchanged shots with the Russian forts and retired. No damage was done.

#### A FATAL CAVE-IN.

MADRID, April 29.-A coal mine at Taocini, near Seville, caved in and many were buried. A fifth of the bodies have been recovered.

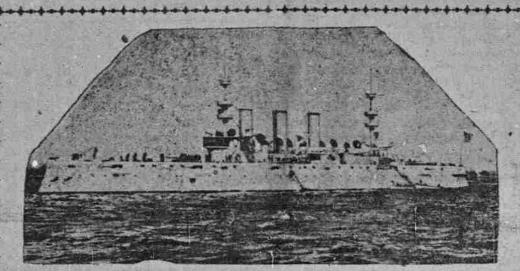
#### · PRESIDENT AND KING.

have gone to Naples to review the Italian fleet.

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## NEW YORK AND BENNINGTON HAVE SAILED FOR HONOLULU



THE FLAGSHIP NEW YORK

SAN FRANCISCO, April 20.—The flagship New York and the gunboat Bennington have sailed from Panama for Honolulu on their way to the northern coast for a summer's cruise. The cruisers Marblehead and Boston will be due here in ten days for a brief stay, and the monitor Wyoming is reported to have started on her way to ROME, April 29.-President Loubet and King Victor Emanuel this port. The gunboat Concord is also on her way up the coast from the isthmus.

## THE ARMORED CRUISER CALIFORNIA FLOATS IN SAN FRANCISCO BAY

(ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLEGRAMS.)

SAN FRANCISCO, April 29 .- The cruiser California was launched yesterday.

The Union Iron Works contracted to build the armored cruiser California for \$3,800,000. This is for hull and machinery alone. Her armament will cost another million dollars. Thus the vessel, destined to be one of the most powerful ships of her class in the American navy, will cost nearly five million dollars when completed. She is a sister vessel to the Colorado, West Virginia, South Dakota, Pennsylvania and Maryland, all of which are now in course of construction. The California is to make a speed of twenty-two knots and have a complement of forty-seven officers and 782 men. She is 502 feet long, sixty-nine feet and six inches broad, and has an extreme draught of twenty-six feet, six inches.

The armament of the vessel will consist of four 8-inch guns, mounted in pairs in two electrically controlled, elliptical, balanced turrets, placed on the middle line, one forward and one aft, each having an arc of train of at least 270 degrees. On the upper deck, at the corners of the superstructure, there will be four 6-inch guns, mounted in sponsons, one in each corner, and each having either a bow or stern fire, with an arc of train of at least 145 degrees. There will be, in addition, a gun deck battery of ten 6-inch guns forming a broadside, five on each side, the arc of fire of each being not less than 110 degrees, or at least 55 degrees forward and 55 degrees abaft the beam, excepting in the case of the forward pair, which are so arranged as to be capable of direct ahead fire. There will also be a formidable secondary battery, consisting of eighteen 3-inch breechloading rifles, twelve 3-pounders, two machine guns and six automatic guns of small calibre, mounted in the most commanding positions practicable and having large arcs of fire. In the lower top there will be two automatic 1-pounders, and in the upper military top a single shot 1-pounder. Torpedo tubes have also been provided

The cruiser South Dakota, a sister to the California, is now building at the Union Iron Works.

#### GREEKS AND BULGARIANS FIGHT.

SALONICA, April 29.-Greeks and Bulgarians have had a conflict here in which twenty were killed and wounded.

#### DUBLIN GREETS ITS SOVEREIGNS.

DUBLIN, April 29.-The King and Queen were received here with a great ovation.

### PU LUN AT ST. LOUIS.

ST. LOUIS, April 29 .- Prince Pu Lun has arrived.

